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# GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 10.8.2024

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## Attendees

Matthew Amos, Cara Barone, Mike Braun (Deacon), James Cady, Sonya Coelho, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Pat Dolan, Marymartha Heasley, Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Steve Sims (Trustee), Debbie Stadt, Jonathan Amos.

## Absentee

## Agenda

### 1. Input from parishioners

- a. Wondering if we could have the entire meeting written down:
    - i. Unfortunately, this isn't possible unless we record the meeting. Minutes will serve as the summary.
  - b. Current GA projects:
    - i. Projects are being worked on and updates will be given when available.
  - c. Concerns about paying off debt:
    - i. There seems to be a misunderstanding. We did not lose money at the end of the fiscal year. In fact, we had a surplus of over \$250,000.
  - d. Concern about parishioners leaving:
    - i. This is another misunderstanding. We now have more families on record than in the last four years, and weekend Mass attendance has increased every year over this period.
  - e. Question about the choir:
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- i. The parishioner asking about the choir may have been confused or missed recent Masses. The choir has been back since the Fall Festival and has been working with our interim music director, Noah Eberhard.

## 2. Faith Formation

- a. 31 families officially signed up with 47 total children. There are also 21 children signed up for 1st communion.
- b. At our first session, we had 26 families in attendance and 32 children. It was a very successful event.
- c. As for our junior high program, we have 22 youth signed up. 18 were in attendance for our first meeting.
- d. Finally, compared to last year, we are about equal with the change of program. There were 71 children signed up for the program last year, K-8th grade. This year we have 69 children signed up, with a possibility of at least 3 more families joining.

## 3. Engagement Commission

- a. The Engagement Commission chair has changed from Dave Wilhelm to Pat Dolan
- b. October Time and Talent weekends theme is "Come follow me. Your Treasure is in Heaven." The Engagement Commission will staff each weekend mass the two weekends (12-13 and 19-20) to direct parishioners to the ministry tables and/or answer questions.
- c. New Parishioner Brunch November 10th. Invitations have been sent to approximately 35 new Parishioners and 30 who did not attend in April. Notice also in the bulletin. We will have a planning meeting with Pat Ryan/Father at 10:00 on October 30th to lay out final RSVPs, decide on who will order food.
- d. Our proposed Sweets and Treats/Munch and Mosey events slated to begin in December will now be reconsidered by the Engagement Commission at our December meeting. Engagement Commission to discuss how we might provide overlay support to this active ministry instead of re-inventing.

## 4. Pastoral Council JOC/Befriender

- a. Refugee...we may start to tutor some of the Refugee families; we continue to offer Tossed Sorted each week to bring clothes and other supplies to the Refugees.
- b. Giving Center...we continue to give out gas and gift cards when the need arises.
- c. Loaves & Fishes...we continue to volunteer each month. 8-10 people usually help with serving and helping cook for over 270-300 people every 2nd Sunday of the month.
- d. Respect Life(new name...Life & Human Dignity)... we meet each month on the 2nd Thursday of the month. We are meeting to try to get a full view of life issues each month. We will have a bulletin insert for October.

- e. **Prison Ministry:** We have 26 Penpal people who write their incarcerated people and we meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11am. Speakers are planned each month.
  - f. **Creation Care/Food Garden..**John Capecchi was disappointed with volunteers. I think that they overdid the garden and have suggested to do less garden next year.
  - g. **Food with Friends Meals –** Guardian Angels & King of Kings Lutheran & Open Cupboard will be hosting 1 or 2 Community Meals each month.
  - h. **Events in the Fall:**
    - i. **Mary Meals-**October 10 and November 9th Patrick Norton-Prolife talk
    - ii. **Befrienders—**Pastoral Talk 101 each month. Eight of us have people we meet with each month. 3-4 other people have other duties at home or help with greeting for Food with Friends. Our talks are drawing 18 from the Befriender & Homebound.
- 5. Fall Festival Results**
- a. Great year overall, bills and revenue will slowly come in throughout the year.
- 6. GA Picnic Update**
- a. Great success!
    - i. About 270-300 people joined.
- 7. Stewardship Month of October**
- a. Time and Talent sheet will be in the back of the church.
- 8. Staff Updates**
- a. Andrew will be joining GA.
    - i. He is coming over from England and has a tentative start date of November.
- 9. Fiscal Year Summary**
- a. Bottom line is we had an increase of revenue coming in.
- 10. Rectory Update**
- a. Currently working on the lease, it needs to be approved by the Archdiocese.
- 11. Scarfone Contracting**
- a. Met with the contractor just about 2 weeks ago, showed them the facility.
    - i. This is being worked on actively.
- 12. Small Groups Update**
- a. Starting the week of 10/7, 59 people have signed up.



### **13. Future Meetings**

- a. Meetings will be moved back by 15min's to accommodate people who work later.

### **14. Other additions**

- a. Safety agenda was brought up but will be reviewed and discussed in the next meeting.

### **15. Next meeting November 12th , 2024, at 5:15pm.**